CITY AND INTERBOROUGH EX-REGENT JOINS IN CRY AT PARTING OF WAYS FOR THRONE'S ABDICATION

Actual Break Averted Only by Prince Chun Spagests Court Stay Company's Promise to Consider Fundamentals.

Calls Queensboro Bridge Line a "Cornfield Route" -- Seventh Avenue Association Far from Optimistic.

There came near being a final break between the representatives of the city and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company at a long conference held at the Downtown Association, No. 60 Wall street, yesterday It was prevented by President shonts of the Interborough, who communicated with the conferrees from another room, promising to submit to his board of directors for definite approval or disapproval certain things that the city's representatives regard as fundamentals. The reply will be given within a few days. It was practically an ultimatum to the Inter-

Asked what the outlook for reaching an agreement was, Borough President Mc-Aneny said: "It is in about the same shape as it was before. There is an even chance." One of the Interborough crowd seemed to think things were more hopeful. Asked for specific reasons for his hopefulness, he replied: "Because the city did not break

This progress was made, however: The city's representatives for the first time specifically stated what they considered to e the fundamental conditions and demanded that the Interborough answer whether it would agree to them. In case the Interborough declines to accept the conditions the city will refuse to confer any

However, should the Interborough concede these fundamentals there are other details that will have to be thrashed out, some of them of such magnitude as to give room for another break in the negotiations. None of the conferrees would say what had been submitted as fundamentals and what were left for future consideration under the

Largest Conference in Series.

The conference began at 1 o'clock and lasted until after 6. There sat around the luncheon table Samuel Rea, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad; A. J. County, his chief assistant, and Morgan J. O'Brien, counsel for the railroad; H. P. Davison and J. P. Morgan, jr., of the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Seth Low, who has worked as a distinterested person to bring the Interborough into the

The city's representatives at the table were Borough President McAneny, Borough President Miller and Borough President able. Soldiers belonging to the imperial Cromwell, comprising the Board of Esti- bodyguard to-day openly distributed mate conference committee which helped to leaflets summoning the people to defend draw up the July transit report; Chairman Willcox of the Public Service Commission and Controller Prendergast. This was the largest gathering since the last series of the Manchus will fight for the monarchy. onferences was started by Mr. Rea, the latter part of October.

and cigars were finished. Then, President troops to cause trouble Shonts having arrived and gone to another room in the building. Mr. Rea and Mr. Davison went out to talk with him in regard to what had happened during the powers for recognition. This took the form luncheon. From time to time other mem- of a circular which was sent to the Interborough group went out and talked with President Shonts and re- Petersburg, and was signed by Wang turned to the luncheon room. But Presi- Chung-wei, the Foreign Minister of the dent Shouts did not talk directly with any republican cabinet. of the representatives of the city. He was The terms of the circular are as follows: in touch by telephone, however, with E. J. Eerwind and other directors of the Interborough. Mr. Berwind was at the Interborough offices, with Frank Hedley and

When Chairman Willcox, President Mc-Aneny and Controller Prendergast returned to the City Hall they seemed relieved because they had at last put it squarely up to the Interborough to yield certain conditions or consider the conferences closed.

"We have submitted certain fundamentals, after a long conference," said President McAneny. "President Shonts has agreed to present them to his directors within a few days and give us the answer from participation in the provisional gov-

"If they do not accept these conditions?"

Then it is all over. "If they do accept?"

"Then there are a number of details to be worked out before we can come to a final agreement. What we submitted to- sional government of China until the repubday were things on which we have made lie has been recognized by the foreign powup our mind, and upon which we are not willing to yield."

Although none of the conferrees would intimate in any way what the fundamentals submitted by them were, it is believed that kai's demand that Dr. Sun Yat-sen resign they included at least three points-one the the presidency, permitting Yuan to exercise demand of the Interborough that it get a preferential payment of approximately 8.76 tion to be called to arrange the form of per cent on old and new money combined government of China shall have reached before the interest and sinking fund charges on the city's bonds are paid; an- Yuan desires the court to retire, temporarily other the question of giving the Interborough the sinking fund charge for a period of eight years or more after the bonds have Peking until the national convention had been amortized, and the third the question of having the city buy the equipment of the Interborough at the end of the lease, that fighting between the revolutionists and after the company has already taken out of the profits money to amortize the original

Mayor Gaynor yesterday afternoon, at his office in the City Hall, expressed little interest in the outcome of the subway conference downtown. He would not say what action he would take on the 59th street Queensboro Bridge route that is now before him for approval, but he spoke of it rather lightly as the "cornfield route," so far as the Queens County end of it went. He expressed the opinion that the best transit relief for Queens lay in lines to radiate from the Steinway Tunnel.

The Seventh Avenue Association, of which Thomas Dimond is president, evidently is somewhat skeptical of the Interborough's agreeing to terms for the com pletion of the subway "H," which it de-In resolutions passed on Thursday night, after stating that it did not feel able to judge of the financial merits of the case of either side, it went on to say:

Resolved, That should the city of New York and the Interborough Rapid Transit Company fall to reach immediately an agreement, it is the opinion of this association that the city of New York should at once and Irrevocably commit itself to the construction, independently of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of the subway from the Lexington avenue route across below 42d street, to and thence down Seventh avenue, to the route as laid down and recommended by the Chamber of Commerce as best meeting the needs of the entire city.

FIRST ROOSEVELT LEAGUE

Organized in Cincinnati, and Later Will Embrace All Ohio.

Cleveland, Jan. 18 .- About one hundred admirers of Theodore Roosevelt met tonight and organized the "First Roosevelt Republican Progressive League." Fred- to the unequivocal retirement of the Manerick B. Walther, as president, headed the

The Roosevelt policies were announced to inces. He accepted the idea of a dual adbe those of the league, and Colonel Roose- ministration, the north to be under his velt was declared its candidate for President. It was stated that the league would be extended to embrace the state, and also that a mass meeting would be arranged for Cleveland, with Governor Osborn of Michigan as the chief speaker.

in Peking While Yuan Exercises Control from Tien-Tsin.

MAYOR SHOWS NO INTEREST ULTIMATUM BY REPUBLIC

Appeal Sent to Powers to Recognize Newly Formed Government in Interest of China Herself.

Peking, Jan. 19.-It is reported in Chinese circles that the ex-Regent, the throne, the court to remain in Peking and Yuan Shih-kai to establish a provisional northern government at Tien-Tsin pending the decision of the national convention as to the future form of gov

The ex-Regent and Prince Ching, the former Premier, visited Premier Yuan Shih-kai this afternoon and had a long conference with him. It appears that the court has not produced the gold it promsed to provide and the imperial soldiers do not show any anxiety to fight for

The princes of the imperial clan, number of leading Manchu officials and several members of the government had a protracted conference this morning with the Empress Dowager at the palace, but again separated without arriving at decision on the question of abdication. The leading princes favored an unconditional abdication of the throne. Three of the younger princes, together with from the provinces would almost unani Tieh-Liang, the former Tartar general at Nanking, would not, bowever, agree to the court's retirement to Je-Hol, al-

ously oppose abdication are those of inner Mongolia, from the districts south of the desert. strengthened by the fear that the repub-

Premier Yuan Shih-ksi was invited several times to participate in the conference of the princes, but he steadfastly refused, as he desired to leave the decision entirely to the court.

There has been considerable effervescence in Peking throughout the day among both foreign residents and the

The situation continues tense, and the avoidance of a Manchu outbreak in the the constitutional monarchy unto death, It is currently reported that the ir

reconcilable Prince Tsai-Tao, brother of It was after 3 o'clock before the coffce the ex-Regent, is inciting the Manchu

> ernment to-day sent an appeal to the ton, Tokio, London, Paris, Berlin and St.

The Manchu government having entered into negotiation with the Republic of China for the purpose of abdicating its entire sovereign rights, powers and privileges, we fervently pray for recognition in order to avoid a disastrous interregnum. WANG CHUNG-WEL

Another most important step was taken by the republican government to-day when it telegraphed an ultimatum to Premier Yuan Shih-kai, at Peking. The demands

are substantially as follows: First-The abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers. Second-The exclusion of all Manchus

ernment of China. Third-The establishment of the capital of the provisional government in a city

other than Peking. Fourth-The exclusion of Premier Yuan Shih-kal from participation in the proviers and the country restored to peace and

To-day's decided action by the republican government is due to Premier Yuan Shihsovereign powers until the national convena decision.

transferring its powers to him. The court, however, objected to leaving reached a decision.

It appears now to be absolutely certain the imperialists will be resumed on the morning of January 28, unless Premier equipment bonds and to pay for mainte- Yuan concedes the demands of the republican government.

ultimatum telegraphed to Premier Yuan by the republican government is to be considered, according to the republican leaders, the last word of the republicans. President Sun Yat-sen said to-day: "I have taken an oath to oust the Manchu rulers and restore peace to the country before resigning. I have taken an oath to establish a republic in China, and if I consented to the propositions laid down by

Yuan Shih-kai I should be forsworn. "I am convinced that a republic is not only practicable but that it would be the best thing for China. Those asserting otherwise know nothing about the Chinese. "China cannot permit outsiders to dictate her form of government. This republic is now an established fact. Nothing can swerve me from what I consider my

duty to my fellow countrymen. "Undoubtedly the best thought of China unanimously supports the republic. There is no question of north and south. I am firmly convinced that the people of eighteen provinces are in favor of a republic. "We are now confident of the righteousness of our cause and of the superiority of our military strength. If Yuan Shih-kai persists in obstructing our armies will be

ordered to march northward." President Sun declared also that entire harmony exists within the ranks of the republicans.

Republican officials assert that one and possibly two foreign powers are urging Premier Yuan to insist that he should be constituted the head of the entire government, and that Yuan has been given the assurance of those powers of assistance. Hence his change of attitude. The Premier, it is stated, agreed a few days ago chus and to the recognition of a republic as the government of the southern provown governance and the south under Dr. Sun Yat-sen, pending the decision of the national convention on the future govern-

There is reason to believe that this arrangement may be the final outcome of the this decision.

COUPON NO. 48, SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1912.

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My Answers to THE TRIBUNE'S Bookreaders'

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Contestant's Name.....

City or Town and State.....CUT ALONG THIS LINE..... Contestants in the Tribune's Bookreaders' Contest must write their answers upon this coupon, which will appear on Page 2 of The Tribune every day during the contest. The complete coupon must'be returned. Answers submitted on coupons which are not compilete or which do not bear The Tribune's heading will not be considered. List of prizes, conditions of the contest and

TO-DAY'S PICTURES APPEAR ON PAGE 13.

Tang Shao-yi is still hopeful that both the south and the north, under such a agreement, would be recognized by the foreign powers. An authoritative convention could then be held. There is every inlication that the convention's delegate mously support a republic

Washington, Jan. 19 .- The cabled appeal or recognition of the Chinese republicans signed by Wang Chung-wei, was received by the State Department to-day. It is regarded as marking a serious crists in the important negotiations now going on in China, for the decision of the State Department upon the appeal is certain to have great influence upon the five other power nterested in the situation

With some regret the officials here recognize the growing probability of a division of China as a result of to-day's developration of the north from the south, which s expected soon, will not be permanent. out that the two sections may be combined inder one government as a result of the deliberations of the national convention.

Early action upon the appeal is not exsected, but in any event the State Department is determined there shall be no departure from the policy that it has steadfastly pursued, of maintaining absolute impartiality as between the factions in

U. S. TROOPS BEGIN DUTY Take Over Section of Railway from Peking to Sea.

Peking, Jan. 19.-The 15th Regiment of nited States Infantry, which is to act as the railroad from Peking to the coast, arrived at Chin Wang-tao to-day from Ma-Captain J. H. Reeves, military attache and maintain such a policy. He added;

f the United States Legation, was on the may walting to greet the troops as they

of the 15th Infantry then moved from Chin Wang-tao along the railway, where they took over the duty of guarding the line from Tang-shan to Lan-chau from the British troops, who assembled and returned

Major James M. Arrasmith is in supreme ommand of the expedition, and he has fteen officers to assist him. The men are provided with a large quantity of stores in reparation for a possible lengthy sojourn. soldier ten days and garrison rations for another ninety days have been sent with the troops.

London, Jan. 19.-In an imperial edict is sued to-day the authorities of the Peking railroad are ordered to send all available colling stock to Peking.

An exodus of the nobles is expected shortly, according to a news agency dispatch from Tien-Tsin. Three trains are now waiting in the vicinity of Peking.

ROOSEVELT TURNS AUTOIST Car Enables Him to Avoid Being Accosted on Trains.

Colonel Roosevelt was at his office in "The Outlook" yesterday and received more than the usual number of visitors. He kept strictly to his rule, however, not to discuss political subjects for publica-

Recently Mr. Roosevelt has taken to somewhat surprising to those who knew used to have. Always a lover of the horse, he did not take kindly to the spread of the motoring habit. It was only recently, in fact, that he removed a sign from his estate in Oyster Bay announcing that automobiles must keep away.

Mr. Roosevelt was obliged to take up the motor car that he might travel between the city and Oyster Bay without being bothered by persons who used to take the opportunity to talk to him on the train. It was not until recently, however, that Mr. Roosevelt solved the secret of the levers and gears to the extent that he undertook to run his own car.

EMPLOYERS MAY COMBINE Association of Employing Lithographers Wins Suit.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court rendered a decision yesterday in favor of the National Association of Employing Lithographers, the court again holding that it was not contrary to law for employers to form a combination for protection against strikes.

The plaintiffs in the case were the Wedther-Rausch Company and the Sackett & Wilhelm Lithographic and Printing Company, the defendant being the Association of Lithographers. The trouble started in 1906, when the association was formed. The two plaintiff companies applied for membership and were admitted on the payment of dues-\$11,500 by the Sackett company and \$5,000 by the Werther-Rausch company undated notes instead of cash being given

A strike was declared in September, 1906 and the employers, in conformity with one of their rules, declared an open shop. The two plaintiff companies would not abide by the rule, and were dropped from member ship in the association. The association then dated the notes, and was about to The Supreme Court refused to issue an

injunction to restrain the association of

ROOSEVELT DECISION SOON

Former Governor Fort Says He Will Make Position Plain.

Former Governor John Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, following a visit to ex-Presiclear. Mr. Fort said:

s position clear.

Mr. Fort said his interview was a satisfactory one and that others were present when he talked to the former President. Mr. Fort also said he had letters from several Western Governors in the last all that favor of the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. The former Governor said he believed that, in view of the political conditions in the country to-day, it was either "Rooseveit and evolution or somebody else and revolution," and that what the country guard for the protection of a section of needed was a fixed; firm policy, and there was no one in the country in whom the people had the confidence they had in Mr. Reosevelt and in his ability to establish

#I regard Colonel Roosevelt as the greatest man intellectually, and as a statesman, in this Republic, and he has no superior, if The troops were inspected immediately an equal, in any country. His personal after their disembarkation by the com- popularity with the masses of the people

Former Senator Everett Colby, one of the Progressive Republican leaders of New Jersey, was another visitor to Colonel Roosevelt yesterday. Mr. Colby would not ble tell what took place, but said he was going to see Mr. Roosevelt again at 16 o'clock this morning. When asked why the Progressives did not get up a petition with Mr. Roosevelt's name on it as a candidate for President, Mr. Colby said he didn't Haversack rations sufficient to last each know, but that there might be something doing along that line later on.

WEST VIRGINIA FOR TAFT Not a Roosevelt State, Republican Leaders Say.

(From The Tribune Bureau.) Washington, Jan. 19.-Republican politial leaders of West Virginia take sharp issue with Governor Glasscock, who, in a recent interview, is credited with the stateent that the predominating sentiment in the state is in favor of the nomination of Highland, Representative James Hughes whom are in touch with the situation, express surprise that such a conclusion should have been drawn from a survey of conditions in the state, as the impression generally prevails that Colonel Roosevelt is no

a candidate. "The West Virginia delegation will be for Taft," said Mr. Highland. "The Republidriving his own automobile. This was cans of the state generally favor his renomination, and the sentiment of the dele what an aversion to motor cars the colonel gates will be responsive to that feeling Colonel Roosevelt has many admirers in West Virginia, but he is not regarded as a candidate, and as a consequence Mr. Taft is assured of unanimous support at the Chicago convention."

> "Governor Glasscock's interview gave me great surprise," said Representative Hughes There must be some mistake about itthat is to say, I don't see how it can be authentic. The situation certainly does not bear out the statements. West Virginia will send a delegation for President Taft. The people feel very kindly toward the President, and Mr. Roosevelt is not even a andidate. I don't see why any such statements as that attributed to Governor Glassock should be put forth."

"I have not been in West Virginia in sev eral weeks," said ex-Senator Scott, "but on the occasion of my last visit I found a very strong Taft sentiment there, favoring the President's renomination. I was greatly surprised when the Governor's interview ap peared, and especially at the strong way in which he put it that West Virginia is a Roosevelt state. The people of West Virginia have a strong admiration for Roose velt, and if he were a candidate for the Presidential nomination that would bring up the question as to his strength. But there exists a strong sentiment against a third term, in which light the great majority of our citizens would regard a candidacy on the part of Mr. Roosevelt. though he is greatly admired and has warm friendships, yet his candidacy for a third term would prevent his getting the delegation, of which Mr. Taft is assured."

WANT TAFT'S NAME ON TICKET

Petition Presented by Former Secretary of Nebraska Progressive League. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 19.-President William

H. Taft's name was filed as a candidate valuable. for the Republican nomination under the negotiate them when the plaintiffs brought Nebraska Presidential primary law to-day. The petition asking that his name be placed on the ballot was signed by forty Omaha employers from negotiating the notes, and Shotwell, of that city, formerly secretary men, and was presented by Franklin A. the Appellate Division yesterday affirmed of the Nebraska Republican Progressive

CHIP FOR WILSON ON WATTERSON'S SHOULDER

Colonel Says He Will Reply if "Some Responsible Person" Challenges His Statement.

HAS RESERVE AMMUNITION

Wilson's Campaign Manager Says Governor's Opponents Are Shedding Crocodile Tears Over Harvey Incident.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 19.-Colonel Henry Watterson came to Washington to-day, and while he declined to be interviewed he did issue a challenge or a warning. which is regarded as highly significant by the Democrats here.

"As to the Wilson matter," said "Marse Henry," "I have nothing to add to what has already been said, unless it be seriously challenged by some responsible person. Then I may have a good deal

Taken in connection with Governor Wilson's non-committal remark, that Colonel Watterson is "a fine old gentleman," and the Governor's reluctance to say anything further, Mr. Watterson's good deal more which might be said, and which would undoubtedly prove mighty interesting reading. It is remarked by those who know the veteran Kentucky editor that he is far too experienced in the game of politics to use all his ammunition in his first volley, or to convey even the suggestion of a challenge which he was not prepared to back up.

It is assumed, of course, that by "somdent Roosevelt yesterday, issued a state- responsible person" Colonel Watterson ment in which he said it will not be long means none other than the Governor o before the ex-President makes his position New Jersey, but it is also remarked that Mr. Watterson rather prides himself on

I have to-day had a personal interview with Colonel Roosevelt and have urged upon him that it was his duty to the public to make it known whether, if nominated by the Republican National Convention, he would accept that nomination. I have felt, as many of his friends have for a long time that he was the only Republican who could surely win at the polls next November, and have believed that he could surely be nominated if he would only consent to say he would be willing to accept.

It is not necessary for him to be an active candidate, in fact, he could not be expected to be, and I have not urged him to be, but have only asked that he give assurance to other friends and myself that he will not withstand a strong popular demand for him to accept the nomination. I have no authority to speak for Colonel Roosevelt, but I know his nature, and I do not believe it will be long before he will make his position clear.

Mr. Watterson rather prides himself on his good breeding, and that he is not likely to accept with equanimity the charge of Governor Wilson's lieutenants that he has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman in making public his recent statement.

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With reference to the alleged Wilson-larvey incident, it seems to me that With reference to the alleged Wilson-Harvey incident, it seems to me that Colonel Watterson has said in a statement all that needs to be said. It appears there-from that as far back as last October he himself suggested to Governor Wilson that Colonel Harvey's support, through "Har-per's Weekly," might be injurious, and that he probably told Colonel Harvey himself the same thing. It would seem that Colo-nel Watterson had convinced the Governor of the truth of his orthion and had at least

In October last, also the very month in which he made these suggestions to Governor Wilson. Colonel Watterson said in "The Louisville Courier-Journal" editorially:
Two things seem tolerably sure!
Two Courier-Journal': If

row Wilson is nominated for President I will be through the force of an irresisti ble pressure of public opinion; and if he is defeated for the nomination, it by some organized agency, well backed with money. No Democrat of modern times has come into the running, Samuel J. Tilden alone excepted, with half at once of the equipment and the claim of the New Jersey Governor."

of the equipment and the claim of the Jersey Governor."

The tears that are being shed over the passing incident are wring from those who have hitherto been the most conspicuous opponents of Governor Wilson; witness the frequently quoted statement of Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, Neb., who has for months not only been openly opposed to Governor Wilson, but who has been the aggressive champion of another candidate. The same applies to others who have indulged in lachrymose expressions. This, of course, is to be expected whenever any man develops a decided lead for the nominal content of the course. nan develops a decided lead for the nom

The gist of the issue, as I see it, is whether one friend in private conversation with another should, in answer to a plain question, resort to flattery or dissimulation, or whether he should state the truth as he sees it.

Colonel Watterson, who will be here clonel Roosevelt. State Chairman V. L. several days in connection with the work of the Perry Memorial Commission, read one made at Nashville, Tenn., by Judge

'SOFT PEDAL" FOR HARVEY Another Version of the Famous Interview with Wilson. Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 19,-"Well, I'll have

put on the soft pedal." Colonel George Harvey, editor of "Harpr's Weekly," is said to have made this ex-

said he feared editorial support in the

'Weekly" was injuring his cause. A statement purporting to be a descripion of the meeting of Colonel Harvey and Governor Wilson with Henry Watterson in New York was made here to-day by Judge Robert Ewing, middle Tennessee representative of the state Woodrow Wilson or ganization. Judge Ewing, who is related by marriage to Governor Wilson and Mr Watterson, asserts that the Governor's state ment to Colonel Harvey was made against he dictates of personal friendship and

Judge Ewing's statement begins: "Colonel Harvey's intimates well knew that his editorial utterances were wholly untrammelled. He had been brought into close friendship with Woodrow Wilson, and had conceived the highest estimate of his haracter.'

with the realization that "Harvey's support

had brought him to the front.'

Then the judge goes on to tell how Colone Harvey, through editorials in "Harper's Weekly," championed the cause of Wood row Wilson for the Democratic Presidential "Many, not knowing the real indepen-

lence of Colonel Harvey," the statement continues, "and seeking to harm the Wilson cause, began to indulge in all sorts of confectures and unfounded intimations. As a esult, a number of Wilson's real friends began to be of the opinion that perhaps the 'Weekly's' earnest support was militating against his prospects.

Judge Ewing says that Governor Wilon's opinion was decidedly contrary to this view, appreciating that Colonel Harvey "had brought him to the front, appreciating Harvey's support and feeling it to be Then followed the meeting in New York

Governor Wilson: "I wish to ask you a question, and I exect a frank answer. Do you believe that the booming nature of my articles in

of Wilson, Harvey and Watterson. Judge

Ewing says that at the close of the con-

ference Colonel Harvey arose and said to

'Harper's Weekly' is injuring your cause?"

Judge Ewing says Governor Wilson's friendship for Harvey demanded that he friendship for Harvey demanded that he answer the question in the negative, but Colonel Harvey had demanded frankness, and Governor Wilson was obliged, with much embarrassment, to make such a reply that later his name as candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination was removed from the editorial columns of "Harper's Weekly." Judge Ewing asserts

hat Colonel Harvey exclaimed: "Well, I'll have to put on the soft pedal."

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 19.-"I have nothing to say on that matter," said Governor Wilson to-day when the statement of Judge Ewing concerning the Harvey incident was shown to him. He also refused to discuss the Watterson case.

WILSON STILL SILENT On Harvey Incident—But Speaks

on "Business in Politics." Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 19.-Governor Woodrow Wilson to-night still maintained silence regarding the Harvey incident and the statement of Colonel Henry Watterson. absolutely declining to say anything on the or to discuss the Wilson-Harvey affair, subject. When pressed and asked if he would make a statement, and when, if any, he replied that he could not say that now

> He was met here this evening by a committee of Democrats. An hour later he delivered an address before the Ladies' Literary Club, along the lines of the topic the club members at present are studying. Problems of Government Before the Peo-

or at any other time he would make a reply

At the close the Governor was escorted to a hall, where he addressed a large audience. He took for his subject "Business in He said that the country at value of \$175,000,000. present was suffering from too much poliremark seems to suggest that there is a ties in business and too little business in politics. Political machines were the dominating force in legislation in which the business of the country was vitally interfrom control by machine politics, both in city, state and nation. Until there was a

Governor Wilson looked in his direction inquiringly and smiled, but made no com-

CONNECTICUT IS FOR TAFT merger.

The President and Brandegee to See Committee To-day. [By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

New Haven, Jan. 19.-The Republican state and national campaigns were started to-day, when the State Central Committee met at the Hotel Taft and voted to hold the Connecticut convention for selecting delegates to the national convention in Hartford on April 16 and 17. Of the thirtyfive members of the committee thirtythree were present. The chairman, Michael Kenealy, is not

in rugged health, and made no secret of

the fact that he wished to retire in April

when the committee will be reorganized for the campaign. He had announced his plan to retire to-day, but was urged by party leaders from all over the state to remain at the head of the organization till after the nominating convention. At to-day's session of the committee Attorney General John H. Light, of South Norwalk, formerly Speaker of the House of Representatives, was selected temporary

chairman of the April convention. He will probably be made permanent chairman by Frank B. Brandegee, senior United States Senator, accompanied President Taft from Washington. He and the President will meet party leaders to-morrow morning in an informal discussion, which aims to reconcile all divisions of the party before

the active opening of the campaign. Every member of the State Central Committee expressed himself as favoring Taft for renomination, and it was clear from the sentiment expressed that the convention in April is likely to vote instructions to the delegates chosen to favor the Presi-

dent for renomination. Although the Senatorial term of Mr Brandegee does not expire for three years, he regards the need of harmony in state affairs as highly desirable, and is here as an energetic peacemaker.

DANCES AS THEY SHOULD BE

Committee for Working Girls to Have a Demonstration.

The Committee on Amusement Resources of Working Girls is going to see how dances should be danced and how they should not and ex-Senator Nathan B. Scott, all of the McCombs statement as well as the be danced when Oscar F. Duryea, the dancing master and his wife, and Al Jolson, of Robert Ewing, but declined to comment the Winter Garden, appear before them as emonstrators at Delmonico's, 44th street and Fifth avenue, Friday afternoon, January 26, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Charles Henry Israels is chairman

of the committee, which includes many well known names. Admission will be by card, and the general public will not be able to get in to see the "annual meeting and conference on the standards of public dancing," however much it wants to see the twist and the shiver and the griz-well, you know! The Duryeas and Mr. Joison are planation when Governor Woodrow Wilson, slated for a "demonstration of social dancforced to reply to Colonel Harvey's question, ing." Mr. Jolson can do all sorts.

IN \$175,000,000 MERGER

Underground Electric, Founded by Yerkes, Combines with General Omnibus Co.

PLAN YEARS IN MATURING

Sir Edgar Speyer Chief Organ. izer of Amalgamation in Which Much American Capital Is Interested. [By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, Jan. 20.-The long talked of

amalgamation of the Underground Electric Railways Company and the London General Omnibus Company became an accomplished fact yesterday by the adoption of a provisional agreement The underground company creates fl. 100,000 cumulative income debenture stock bearing 6 per cent, £1,300,000 @ per cent income bonds and £1,200,696 ordinary one-shilling shares. The holders of common stock in the omnibus company, in addition to the exchange of shares, will have a cash bonus of £8, per f100 of accumulated profits. The properties owned by the companies concerned

in the new amalgamation represent Sir Edgar Speyer, who became the leading spirit of the reorganized underground lines after the death of Charles T. Yerkes, made the following explanaested. What the country needed and what tions of these great transactions, in he people are demanding was emancipation which large masses of American capital

from control by machine politics, both in city, state and nation. Until there was a readjustment of conditions, too much politics in business will dominate legislation in the interest of the few to the detriment of the interest of the country. Governor Wilson will leave here to-morrow at 11 a. m. for Trenton.

MAKES THE GOVERNOR SMILE.

Charlotte, Mich., Jan. 19.—A large crowd, attracted by a mill whistle, met Governor Wilson's special car here to-day. The Governor made a short speech.

"Bully for you, the next President." shouted a farmer wearing a huge fur coat. Governor Wilson looked in his direction to city, state and nation. In the metropolis is only a question of time. Parliament must deal with it sooner or later. Amaigamation gives both concerns greater stability and increased chances of profit, while the public will have better facilities and save time and money.

The formal sanction of the amalgamation depends now on the security holders in the various companies parties to the

The amalgamation of the Underground Electric Railways Company, of London, with the London General Omnibus Company results in a system comparable in extent with that operated in this city prior to the difficulties which arose in the Metro-politan and Third Avenue companies. The properties owned by the companies con erned in the merger represent a value of about \$175,000,000. The Underground Electric Railways Com-

pany has a capital stock of \$25,000,000. The late Charles T. Yerkes, who invaded the London traction field after disposing of his Chicago traction properties, was chairman of the company when it was chartered in April, 1902. Several of the tubes and surface lines in which Mr. Yerkes had become interested, backed by a syndicate of American and English financiers, were brought under the control of the Underground Electric Railways Company at that time, The company at present controls the Metropolitan District Railway, the London Electric Railway Company; the Charing Cross, Euston and Hampstead Railway and the Baker Street and Waterloo Railway, all electric roads, and the London United Tramways, an electric surface traction sysem. These lines comprise a system

about 102 miles in length Sir Edgar Speyer, of the banking house of Speyer Brothers, has been chairman of the Underground Electric Railways Company since January, 1906. In April, 1908, the company went into the hands of a receiver in friendly proceedings, preparatory to readjustment. A satisfactory plan of readjustment was worked out at that time by Speyer Brothers, of London; Speyer & Co. of New York, together with two other foreign banking houses, and the receivership

was terminated in September, 1908. CLARK CONFIRMS FOLK DEAL

Their Candidacies Staked on Result of

Missouri Convention. Washington, Jan. 19. Speaker Champ Clark to-day confirmed reports that he and ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk had agreed to stake their respective candidacles for the Democratic Presidential nomination on the outcome of the approaching convention of Missouri Democrats at Joplin. If this convention should indorse Governor Folk Mr. Clark said he would forbid the further use of his name. The agreement excited

great political interest here to-day

WOULD ADMIT WOMEN TO OFFICE. Christiania, Norway, Jan. 19 .- A law admitting women to public offices on the same conditions as men was voted during last night's sitting of the Storthing. Exceptions are made in regard to members of the Cabinet and ecclesiaistic, military, diplomatic and consular officials. The Norwegian government has appointed W. Johannessen, vice-consul at Bilboa, in Spain, to be secretary of the legation at

NOTICE

Further examination has fully confirmed the statement contained in the notice heretofore published to the effect that the vaults of this Company are intact, and that no damage has resulted to the contents thereof.

Arrangements are now being made for the continuance of the Company's business, and as soon as completed, notice will at once be given. In the meantime, the Company is having the premises carefully guarded by its own watchmen. In addition to this, adequate protection is being afforded by the Police Department of the City of New York.

As soon as the Building Department pronounces the walls safe and the debris is removed, the safe-holders will be able to have access to their safes.

THE MERCANTILE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY JOHN B. RUSSELL,

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